

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

MARLA MAYS, as parent and
guardian for J.J., a minor, and S.J., a
minor,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF WASHINGTON by and
through its subdivision Department of
Children, Youth, and Families;
KAYTENA GONZALEZ, an
individual; and JOHN DOES #1-10,
caseworkers/social workers for DCYF,
who cannot be identified at this time,

Defendants.

NO. 3:21-cv-05289

~~STIPULATED-UNOPPOSED~~
PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby ~~stipulate-agree~~ to and petition the court to enter the following ~~Stipulated-Unopposed~~ Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential

1 treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file
2 confidential information under seal.

3 2. “CONFIDENTIAL” MATERIAL

4 “Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things produced
5 or otherwise exchanged: ~~[The parties must include a list of specific documents such as “company’s~~
6 ~~customer list” or “plaintiff’s medical records;” do not list broad categories of documents such as~~
7 ~~“sensitive business material”].~~

8 A. DCYF MODIS and/or Legally Free Application Extender (AX) and
9 FamLink files of Marla Mays;

10 B. DCYF MODIS and/or AX and FamLink files of Regina Minner;

11 C. DCYF MODIS and/or Legally Free AX, FamLink files, and Children’s
12 Administration files of J.J., a minor;

13 D. DCYF MODIS and/or Legally Free AX, FamLink files, and Children’s
14 Administration files of S.J., a minor;

15 E. DCYF MODIS and/or Legally Free AX, FamLink files, and Children’s
16 Administration files of J.M., a minor;

17 F. Licensing files of various foster parents, containing records of adults and
18 minors not parties to this case;

19 G. Files for foster homes where J.J. and S.J. resided;

20 DCYF shall produce copies of the above-listed confidential materials without
21 redacting the following:

22 A. The names and personal information, to include medical, psychological,
23 alcohol and chemical dependency treatment, sex offender status, and any
24 related DCYF referrals and/or law enforcement contacts of the following:

25 i. Marla Mays, plaintiff;

26 ii. J.J.;

iii. S.J.;

iv. Shawn Jones, J.J. and S.J.’s father;

v. Regina Minner, Marla Mays’ sister and biological mother of J.M.;

1 vi. J.M., Marla Mays' niece and cousin of J.J. and S.J.;

2 vii. Kathryn Beckwith, foster parent to J.J.;

3 viii. Michael Beckwith, foster parent to J.J.;

4 ix. A.V., grandchild of Kathryn and Michael Beckwith;

5 x. T.V., grandchild of Kathryn and Michael Beckwith;

6 xi. Lynsey Kemplin, foster parent to S.J.;

7 xii. Sarah Williamson, foster parent to J.J. and S.J.;

8 xiii. P.W., child of Sarah Williamson;

9 xiv. A.W., child of Sarah Williamson.

10 B. The names of mandatory reporters listed in DCYF referrals.

11 C. Defendant Kaytena Gonzalez's personnel file, other than personal
12 information (social security number, financial information, personal phone
13 number, personal e-mail address) redacted pursuant to Wash. Rev. Code
14 42.56.250. 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(viii)(I).

15 D. Personal information of foster parents.

16 E. A privilege log will be included in all productions noting documents
17 redacted or withheld and the reasons therefore.

18 3. SCOPE

19 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as defined
20 above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all copies,
21 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) ~~any testimony~~, conversations,
22 or presentations, not including at trial, by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential
23 material.

24 However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the
25 public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

26 4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed or
produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,

1 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the
2 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential material
3 must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures
4 that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

5 4.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered
6 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any
7 confidential material only to:

8 (a) the receiving party’s counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of
9 counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

10 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the
11 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties agree
12 that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney’s Eyes Only and is so designated;

13 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
14 litigation; ~~and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);~~

15 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

16 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of
17 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service
18 instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to immediately
19 return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

20 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
21 reasonably necessary ~~and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”~~
22 ~~(Exhibit A)~~, unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of
23 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material must be
24 separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under
25 this agreement;
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1 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
2 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

3 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or
4 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party, in
5 accordance with Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(A), to determine whether the designating party will remove
6 the confidential designation, whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or
7 ~~stipulation and~~ proposed order is warranted. During the meet and confer process, the designating
8 party must identify the basis for sealing the specific confidential information at issue, and the filing
9 party shall include this basis in its motion to seal, along with any objection to sealing the information
10 at issue. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that
11 will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal. A party who
12 seeks to maintain the confidentiality of its information must satisfy the requirements of Local Civil
13 Rule 5(g)(3)(B), even if it is not the party filing the motion to seal. Failure to satisfy this requirement
14 will result in the motion to seal being denied, in accordance with the strong presumption of public
15 access to the Court's files.

16 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party or
18 non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take care to
19 limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The
20 designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or
21 oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the material, documents, items,
22 or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit
23 of this agreement.

24 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown
25 to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to unnecessarily
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1 encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on
2 other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

3 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated for
4 protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other parties
5 that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

6 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement
7 (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise ~~stipulated or~~ ordered, disclosure
8 or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must be clearly so designated
9 before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

10 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents and
11 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),
12 the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains confidential
13 material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the producing
14 party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the
15 margins).

16 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: the parties
17 and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition or other pretrial
18 proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony
19 after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving the
20 transcript of the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, designate portions of the transcript, or
21 exhibits thereto, as confidential. If a party or non-party desires to protect confidential information at
22 trial, the issue should be addressed during the pre-trial conference.

23 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on
24 the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word
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1 “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the
2 producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

3 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
4 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party’s right
5 to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation,
6 the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated in accordance
7 with the provisions of this agreement.

8 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

9 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of
10 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party’s confidentiality
11 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic
12 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to
13 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the
14 original designation is disclosed.

15 6.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute
16 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential
17 designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration
18 or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other
19 affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list the
20 date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face
21 meeting or a telephone conference.

22 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
23 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Local
24 Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of persuasion
25 in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an
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1 improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may
2 expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the material in
3 question as confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

4 7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER
5 LITIGATION

6 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels
7 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party
8 must:

9 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the
10 subpoena or court order;

11 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
12 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject
13 to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

14 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by
15 the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

16 8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

17 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed confidential
18 material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving
19 party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures,
20 (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material, and (c) inform the
21 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this agreement;
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~~and (d) request that such person or persons execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
23 Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.~~

24 9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED
25 MATERIAL

1 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently produced
2 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the receiving parties
3 are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to
4 modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or agreement that provides
5 for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the entry of a non-waiver order
6 under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

7 10. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

8 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving party
9 must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and
10 summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

11 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all
12 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence, deposition
13 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product,
14 even if such materials contain confidential material.

15 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a
16 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

1 IT IS SO ~~STIPULATED~~PRESENTED, THROUGH COUNSELS OF RECORD.

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3 DATED: 6/16/21 _____ s/Tyler Firkins
Attorneys for Plaintiff

4 DATED: 6/16/21 _____ s/Callagee O'Brien
5 Attorneys for Defendant

6 ~~PURSUANT TO STIPULATION~~, IT IS SO ORDERED

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8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any
9 documents in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other federal or
10 state proceeding, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those
11 documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any other
12 privilege or protection recognized by law.

13 DATED: June 24, 2021

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15 Mr S Lasnik
16 The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Court Judge
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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of

_____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of
perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Proposed Protective Order that
was issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on [date] in
the case of _____ [insert formal name of the case and the number and initials
assigned to it by the court]. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated
Proposed Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose
me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose
in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Proposed Protective Order to
any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western
District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Proposed Protective
Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____